

2. (Amended) A cordless blind comprising:

a headrail;

a bottom rail suspended from the headrail by a first cord and a second cord;

a window covering disposed between the headrail and the bottom rail;

a drive actuator including:

a spring motor, and

a spool for accumulating the cords coupled to the spring motor; and,

a one-way tensioning mechanism, wherein the tensioning mechanism is configured to provide a resistant force on movement of one of the first and second cords in one direction, wherein the one-way tensioning mechanism comprises:

a mechanism bracket, with the mechanism bracket having a base and a first upright and a second upright coupled to the base, with each upright defining an aperture and further, each upright including a pawl, with one pawl aligned in facing relationship with the other pawl and,

a pulley mounted between the two uprights, with the pulley having a cylinder with a side wall on each end of the cylinder, each sidewall having an inner face and an outer face, with each outer face having a plurality of ratchet teeth configured to selectively engage the pawl on each upright.

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of this application in view of the present amendments and the following remarks. By this amendment, claim 2 is rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of base claim 1 from which it depends. After entry of the present amendment, claims 1-30 are pending, with claims 1, 2, 8, 14, 21, 24 and 28 being independent claims. The enclosed check for \$484.00 includes the requisite fee of \$84.00 for the addition of one independent claim. It is believed that no additional fees are due for the consideration of this paper. However, if additional fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees to deposit account number 13-2855. A copy of this paper is enclosed. Attachment A submitted herewith shows the version of amended claim 2 at issue showing changes made in this response.